

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A clip for connecting a member ~~such as a panel~~ to a body ~~such as a car body~~, comprising:

a pin with a head and a shank extending longitudinally from the head, the head extending laterally from the shank to an outer periphery of the head;

a bushing with a flange and a shank extending longitudinally from the flange, the flange extending laterally from the shank to an outer periphery of the flange, and with a through-hole in the flange and the bushing shank into which the pin shank is inserted; and

a water-tight seal member on the pin shank adjacent to the head for compression between the pin head and the flange,

wherein a stop is formed on at least the outer periphery of the pin head or the outer periphery of the flange to keep a predetermined compressed thickness of the seal member when the pin shank is inserted into the through-hole ~~to press and presses~~ the seal member between the pin head and the flange.

2. (currently amended) A clip according to claim 1, wherein the pin head is a ~~circular~~ plate with circular portions having a diameter smaller than the diameter of the

bushing flange, the stop comprises plate portions extending outwardly from the circular portions of the pin head, and an outer wall is formed ~~on~~ at the outer ~~edge~~ periphery of the bushing flange and is disposed to engage the stop plate portions when the seal member is compressed between the pin head and the flange, and the height of the outer wall is predetermined to provide a predetermined compressed thickness of the seal member.

3. (original) A clip according to claim 2, wherein the flange has a recess surrounded by the outer wall for receiving the seal member.

4. (currently amended) A clip according to claim 3, wherein a gap is formed between ~~an~~ the outer ~~edge~~ periphery of the pin head and the outer wall of the bushing flange, except where the stop plate portions are located, for insertion of a tool for separating the pin head from the flange.

5. (currently amended) A clip according to claim 1, wherein the pin shank and the bushing shank have cooperable parts that cause the bushing shank to expand outwardly at an expanded-diameter-connection position ~~where~~ when the pin shank is inserted substantially completely into the bushing shank for connecting a member and a body having aligned holes through which the shanks are inserted.

6. (original) A clip according to claim 5, wherein the pin shank and the bushing shank have cooperable parts that connect the shanks in a non-expanded-diameter-connection position in which the bushing shank is not expanded when the pin shank is inserted partially into the bushing shank.

7. (currently amended) A clip according to claim 6, further comprising a second seal member on the bushing shank adjacent to the flange for providing a water-tight seal between the flange and a panel member having a hole into which the bushing shank is inserted, wherein the flange has a recess in which the second seal member is received and that has an outer wall for engaging the panel member and limiting the compression of the second seal member.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A clip according to claim ~~8~~14, wherein the bushing shank is divided longitudinally and the cooperable parts include internal ribs on the bushing shank and a groove on the pin shank that receives the ribs.

Claims 10, 11, and 12 (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A clip according to claim ~~10~~14, wherein a second seal member is provided on the bushing shank adjacent to the bushing flange in a second

recess for compression between the bushing flange and a panel member having a hole into which the bushing shank is inserted, and wherein the second recess is surrounded by a wall that engages the panel member and that limits compression of the second seal member.

14. (new) A clip for connecting a member to a body, comprising:

a bushing having a flange, a shank extending longitudinally from the flange, and a through-hole in the flange and the shank for receiving a shank of a pin therein, the flange extending laterally from the shank to an outer periphery of the flange; and

the pin having a head and a shank extending longitudinally therefrom, the head extending laterally from the shank to an outer periphery of the head;

wherein the shanks have cooperable parts for expanding the bushing shank when the pin shank is inserted substantially completely in the bushing shank to an expanded position, the bushing shank has at least one pawl extending inwardly of the bushing shank, and the pin shank has a groove for receiving the at least one pawl to hold the pin shank in the bushing shank at a non-expanded position when the pin shank is partially inserted in the bushing shank, and has another groove for receiving the at least one pawl at the expanded position and at which the at least one pawl is substantially free of pressure from the pin shank;

wherein a seal member is provided between the pin head and the bushing flange, the pin head and the bushing flange have opposed sides, and at least one of the opposed sides of the pin head and the bushing flange provide a recess for receiving the seal member therein, and a stop is provided on at least one of the bushing flange and the pin head for limiting the movement of the pin head toward the bushing flange and limiting the compression of the seal member therebetween; and

wherein the stop includes outer peripheral portions of at least one of the pin head and the bushing flange.